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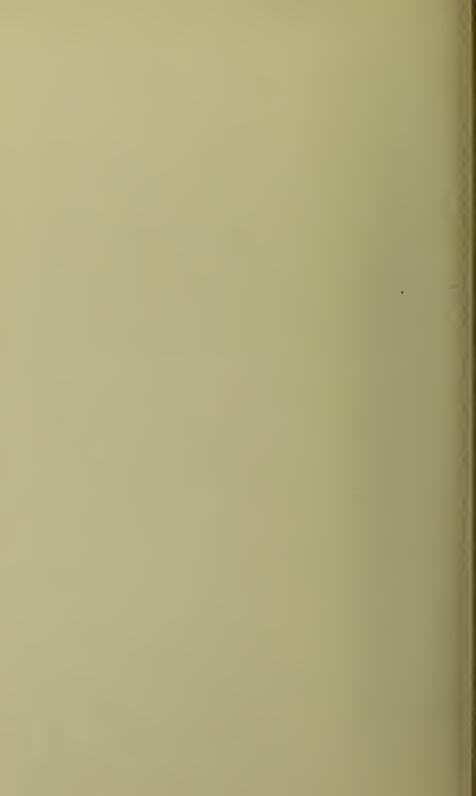
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List of Members of the Chatham Council

THE MAYOR (Alderman F. H. Lawrence, J.P.)

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (Alderman E. G. Maynard)

Alderman H. J. Stearne, (deceased 19.11.51).

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Alderman J. Presnail.

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Councillor F. Waghorn.

Councillor J. S. Thomas.

Councillor R. Bampton.

Councillor J. Wheeler.

Public Health Committee

This consists of the whole of the members of the Council.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor G. W. Rhodes

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Councillor D. D. Barker, M.B., B.Ch.

Public Health Officers

Medical Officer of Health:
(Combined appointment with City of Rochester)
J. O. Murray, M.D., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Medical Officer Kent County Council: (Combined appointment with City of Rochester) J. H. Whittles, T.D., M.D., B.Sc., D.P.H., (resigned 2.12.51.)

Chief Sanitary Inspector:
Thomas Howard (a) (b)

Senior District Sanitary Inspector:
A. E. South (a) (b)

District Sanitary Inspectors:
H. Taylor (a) (b), R. W. Wright (a) (b)

Clerks:

Miss J. F. Coffey
Miss S. Springate, O. Thomas

- (a) Sanitary Inspector's Certificate.
- (b) Meat Inspector's Certificate.

Borough of Chatham

Public Health Department,
"Elm House,"

15 New Road Avenue,
Chatham.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Chatham.

YOUR WORSHIP AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Report for 1951.

POPULATION.

The population of the Borough as shown by the Census taken on the 8th April, 1951, was 46,940.

The Registrar General's estimate in June of the resident population, including H.M. Forces, was 51,550.

BIRTHS.

There were 820 live births and 23 still births. The Live Birth Rate was 15.9 per 1,000 of the population, which is the lowest for many years. (See page 9).

DEATHS.

There were 605 deaths, the Death Rate being 11.74 per 1,000 as compared with 11.01 in 1950.

Infantile Mortality.

One of the disconcerting features of the year's records is the number of deaths of children under I year. There were 30, which is equal to an Infant Mortality Rate of 36 per 1,000 live births. I2 of the deaths were due to Respiratory disease and 14 were attributable to Prematurity, from which cause I0 babies died within 24 hours of birth.

TUBERCULOSIS.

On the other hand, the Death Rate from Tuberculosis continues to decline, the total number of deaths from all forms of Tuberculosis was 20, giving a Death Rate of 0.39 as compared with 0.47 in 1950 and 1.09 in the period 1945 to 1949.

ACCIDENTS.

Motor Vehicle Accidents resulted in the deaths of 15 Chatham residents, including 11 boys aged 9 to 13, who were victims of the tragic Dock Road 'bus accident in December.

Other forms of accident caused 20 deaths, of which 8 occurred in elderly females—5 fractured thigh, 3 fractured skull. Coal gas poisoning caused 3 deaths.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

In January and February, when Influenza was prevalent, 8 elderly persons died from this disease. Measles and Whooping Cough were widespread in 1951. The number of notifications of both diseases far exceeded those of any previous year since the diseases became notifiable in 1940. There were 1,183 Measles cases, the highest previous number being 723 in 1948. There were no deaths from this cause but 2 babies died from Whooping Cough, of which 396 cases were notified, compared with the highest previous figure of 219 in 1942. The Whooping Cough epidemic was at its height in the first quarter of the year. Measles reached its peak in May, when there were 601 notified cases.

Dysentery was notified on 46 occasions. The disease is, in all probability, more frequent than this number would indicate. It is usually of such a mild type that not all of those affected consult their medical attendant.

The elimination of Diphtheria, of which no case has been recorded during the past four years, is a clear indication of the great value of Diphtheria Immunization which must be maintained at a high level to ensure freedom from this mortal and incapacitating disease. (Pages 18 and 19).

Atmospheric Pollution Records.

Monthly recording of Atmospheric Pollution began in August. Rochester and Chatham Corporations have combined for this purpose and three gauges have been installed.

CLEAN FOOD.

In addition to general health propaganda, the Clean Food Campaign was continued throughout the year. Propaganda is carried out jointly by Rochester and Chatham Corporations and the following figures indicate the activities during the year:—

Total Number

	Attending
Lectures to School Canteen Staff	210
Demonstrations and film show for food handlers (This	
film show was run with the help of the Central	
Office of Information)	4 7 3
Lectures to the Public on Clean Food Production	170

In co-operation with the Crusader Insurance Company, an exhibition dealing with various public health activities and activities of voluntary associations was held in the Belsey Hall, Rochester. Appropriate films were shown for mothers and children. It is estimated that 2,500 people visited the exhibition during the week.

Byelaws were made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act in July, 1950.

During the year 1951, 2 contraventions of the Byelaws were dealt with informally and they were immediately rectified.

Housing.

Housing conditions, on which I have commented in past reports, still remains the most important health problem awaiting a satisfactory solution.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the valuable assistance I have had from all members of the staff, and from my colleagues in other departments, to whom I am indebted for much of the information contained in this report.

The support and guidance of the Chairman and members of the Health Committee have contributed in no small way to any success which the department may have had in maintaining and improving the health and social amenities of the community. I appreciate their help and wish to express my gratitude.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,
J. O. MURRAY,
Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres) Registrar General's estir	nate of	residen	t po	pulation	•••	4,356
(Including forces sta	ationed	in the a	rea)	•••	•••	51,550
Number of inhabited ho				Books:—		
Dwellinghouses				•••		12,234
Shops with living ac					• • •	716
Licensed Premises v					• • • •	123
Rateable Value	• • •	•••	• • •		•••	£305,357
Sum represented by	a penr	ıy rate (1951)	• • •	£1,197
Extracts from Vital Stati	istics					
		Males		Females		Total
Live Births—Legitimate		396		372		768
Illegitimat		30		22		52
Birth Rate per 1,000 of	the	_				
estimated population					•••	15.9
Stillbirths		ΙI		12		23
Birth Rate per 1,000	(live					
and still) births		• • •	• • •			16.3 5
Deaths		341	• • •	264		605
Death Rate per 1,000 of						
estimated resident	popula	tion	• • •	•••	• • •	11.74
Death Rate of Infants U	nder 1	Year of	Age			
All infants per 1,000 live	births			•••		36 .5 9
Births					•	

Births

The number of births recorded is 820 as compared to 746 in 1950.

Deaths

There were 605 deaths. During the previous seven years there were :— $\,$

1950				•••	•••	512
1949					•••	531
1948	•••		•••			467
1947	•••	•••		•••	•••	562
1946	•••					485
1945						501
1944		•••	•••	•••	•••	501

The following table shows the average Birth, Death and Infant Mortality Rates for five yearly periods from 1910-1949, and the years 1950 and 1951:—

Period			Birth Rate per 1,000	Death Rate per 1,000	Infant Mortality per 1,000 births
1910 to 1914			25.1	13.4	105
1915 to 1919	•••	•••	22	18	97
1920 to 1924	• • • •	•••	22.I	12.3	73
1925 to 1929	•••		19.53	12.96	73.2
1930 to 1934	• • • •	• • • •	16.86	12.1	73•2 58
1935 to 1939		•••	16.01	12.02	53.48
1940 to 1944		• • • •	20.29	14.64	65.57
1945 to 1949			22.55	14.97	36.24
Year 1950			16.04	11.01	32.17
,, 1951			15.9	11.74	36.59

Birth and Death Rates for England and Wales for the Year 1951, derived from Provisional Figures based on Quarterly Returns and comparable Figures for Chatham

Rates per 1,000 Home Population

Births	England and Wales	126 County l Borough and Great Towns (including London)	Towns (Resident	London Administrative County	Chatham
C (22 TO) ()	15.5 0.36	17.3 0.45	16.7 0. 3 8	17.8 0.37	15.9 ·44
Deaths All causes	12.5	13.4	12.5	13.1	11.74
	Rates	per 1,000 L	ive Births		
Deaths					
All causes under 1 year of age Enteritis and	29.6(a	33.9	27.6	26.4	36.59
diarrhoea und 2 years of age .	er 1.4	1.6	1.0	0.7	1.22

⁽a) Per 1,000 related live births

The number of deaths occurring each month at different ago groups was as follows:—

Age	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Age group total
All under 1 year	4	6	2	I	I	2	2	2	4	4	_	2	30
1 and under 5	I	_		-	2	_	I	_	_	-	-	_	4
5 and under 15	_	-	-	-	-	_	_	_	_	4	-	13	17
15 and under 25	2	-	I	-	I	I	I		ı	-	2	4	13
25 and under 45	5	3	I	5	4	4	4	5	-	I	3	I	36
45 and under 65	20	14	14	6	15	12	6	8	6	8	13	11	133
65 and over	60	50	28	37	37	23	14	19	26	25	23	30	372
Monthly Totals	92	73	46	49	60	42	28	34	37	42	41	61	605

Infantile Mortality

The following table shows the causes of infantile deaths in relation to age.

Disease	(a) Under 12 hrs.	(b) 13-24 hours	(c) 1-7 days	(d) 8-28 days	(e) Over 1 m'th	(f) Total
 Congenital Malformation Birth Injury marasmus, etc. Prematurity Pneumonia Bronchitis Whooping Cough Other causes Total		1 2 3	1 4 — — —	I I I 2	9 1 1 1	2 14 10 1 1 2

The following table shows the average increases in population and in five yearly periods since 1922:—

Period	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Natural increase per
1922-1926	20.72	12.2	8.52
1927-1931	18.72	13.02	5.7
1932-1936	15.92	11.68	4.24
1937-1941	17.37	13.42	3.95
1942-1946	21.59	13.84	7.75
1947-1951	19.85	12.1	7.75

TOTAL DEATHS, 1951

	Chatham M.B.		
	Causes of Death	M.	F.
	All Causes	341	264
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	12	8
2.	Tuberculosis, other	0	О
3⋅	Syphilitic Disease	2	I
4.	Diphtheria	0	О
5.	Whooping Cough	I	I
6.	Meningococcal Infections	0	0
7∙ 8.	Acute Poliomyelitis	I	2*
	Measles Other Infective and Parasitic	О	О
9.	Diseases	o	ı
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	10	
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	10	5 2
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	9
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	o	4
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic	32	27
	neoplasms	3	
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	I	О.
16.	Diabetes	0	I
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	31	19
18.	Coronary disease, angina	32	20
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	8	10
20.	Other Heart disease	73	77
21.	Other circulatory disease	11	4
22.	Influenza	5	3
23.	Pneumonia	14	8
24.	Bronchitis	19	10
25. 26.	Other diseases of respiratory system Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	5	2
	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	5 1	0
27. 28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	3	I
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	3 4	0
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	2
31.	Congenital malformations	0	3
32.	Other defined and ill defined		3
9	diseases	32	30
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	15	o
34.	All other accidents	8	12
35.	Suicide	5	I
36.	Homicide and operations of war	I	I
	(T-+-1	-0	
	Deaths of Infants { Total Legitimate	18	I 2
	under i year Legitimate	17 1	II
	Thegitimate	1	1
	(Total	426	394
	Live Births { Legitimate	396	372
	Illegitimate	30	22
	<u> </u>		
	Total	II	12
	Still Births { Legitimate	11	12
	[Illegitimate	_	
			l.

^{*}The cause of death in these two cases was Polio-Encephalitis.

OF HEALTH SERVICES GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities

The bacteriological examinations of throat swabs, sputum, blood, milk, water or other suspected material are carried out in the County Council Laboratory at Maidstone.

Chemical examinations are done by the County Analyst.

Clinics and Treatment Centres

- I. Maternity and Child Welfare.
 - (a) Ante-natal Clinics:

White Road		•••	 Tuesdays	a.m.
King's Road			 Wednesdays	a.m.
Elm House			 Mondays	p.m.
			Thursdays	p.m.
7 71 1 337 16 0	1::			

(b)

Child Welfare C	linics :				
White Road				Mondays	p.m.
				Thursdays	p.m.
King's Road	·,··	•••	• • • •	Tuesdays	p.m.
T. T.				Fridays	p.m.
Elm House		• • •	• • • •	Tuesdays	p.m.
				Fridays	p.m.

- (c) Dental—by appointment.
- A Child Welfare Clinic is held at the Methodist Hall, (d) Walderslade, on the first, third, and fifth Friday of each month. A doctor is in attendance.
- Women's Welfare Clinic. 2.

Elm House 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays p.m.

Diphtheria Immunisation and Vaccination.

Elm House 3rd & 5th Wednesdays p.m. White Road ... ist Wednesday p.m. King's Road 4th Wednesday p.m.

- School Medical Service.
 - Minor Ailments and Minor Inspections.

Elm House—Mondays Wednesdays 9-10.30 a.m. Fridays

- (b) Dental—by appointment.
- Refraction—by appointment. (c)
- (d) Ophthalmic Clinic—by appointment.

- 5. Scabies Clinic:
- St. William's Hospital, Rochester... ... Wednesdays p.m. (Arrangements to be made through the Public Health Department, Chatham. Tel. 3663/4).
- 6. Chest Clinic, 13 New Road, Rochester. Tel. 2182.

Tuesdays 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Fridays 9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

7. Treatment Centre for Venereal Diseases, 36 New Road, Rochester. Tel. 3343.

Hospitals in Chatham and Rochester, under the administration of the Medway and Gravesend Hospital Management Committee, Secretary:—T. Rhodes, Esq., St. William's Hospital, Rochester, Tel. 4688.

` Cases

Saint Bartholomew's Hospital, New Road, Rochester. Tel. 4278 and 4004.

General, Medical and Surgical

All Saints' Hospital, Magpie Hall Road, Chatham. Tel. 3686. ...

General, Medical, Surgical and Maternity

St. William's Hospital, St. William's Way, Rochester. Tel. 3243. ...

Infectious Diseases and Convalescent Surgical

Home Nursing Association, Manor Road, Chatham. Tel. 3465.

Domestic Help Service, Elm House, 15 New Road Avenue Chatham. Tel. 2954.

Ambulance Service, King Edward Road, Rochester. Tel. 3540.

Private Maternity Homes

Saint Christopher's Maternity Home, Maidstone Road, Chatham, closed down permanently April, 1951.

Mortuary Accommodation

Particulars with regard to Mortuary Accommodation were described in the 1950 Report.

SECTION C.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

(a) Notifiable Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1951

Disease		Total Cases Notified	Admitted to Hospital	No. of Deaths
Scarlet Fever		57	3	_
Pneumonia		62	I	22
Puerperal Pyrexia		18	16	_
Erysipelas		4	_	_
Acute Encephalitis		2	2	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	•••	I	_	_
Meningococcal Infection		2	2 '	_
Measles		1183	3	_
Whooping Cough		396	6	2
Dysentery		46		_
Food Poisoning	•••	3		<u> </u>

(b) Infectious and other Diseases (Ages)

	Whooping Cough	Measles	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Pneumonia	Puerperal Pyrexia	Erysipelas	Acute Encephalitis	Acute Poliomyelitis	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Typhoid and Paratyphoid	Meningococcal Infection	Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Cerebro-Spinal Fever
Under I	25	43		_	2		-	-		I	E	F	I	_	_
I — 2	105	290		3	7	_	_	_		=		I	2		_
3 — 4	129	409		13	3	-		-	_	$\overline{}$	_		9	2	
5 — 10	130	432		34	6		-	I	-		E	I	21	I	_
11 — 15	. 3	4	Е	2			-	H	-		F	F	5		
16 — 20	2	2		I	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	H			-
21 — 25		_	-		I	5	-	_	-	-	_		\equiv	=	_
26 — 35	2	3		3	7	8	-	I	-	-	E	_	2	=	
3 6 — 45				I	8	_	2	-	-	-	-	-	4		
46 — 65		-	H	-	15		2	_	-	-	-	F	I		_
66 up		-			10	_	-	-	H	-			I		-
Totals	396	1183	-	57	62	18	4	2	-	I	-	2	46	3	

(c) Infectious and other Diseases. (Wards).

Wards	Whooping Cough	Measles	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Pneumonia	Puerperal Pyrexia	Erysipelas	Acute Encephalitis	Acute Poliomyelitis	Ophthalmia Neonatorum,	Typhoid and Paratyphoid	Meningococcal Infection	Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Cerebro-Spinal Fever
St. Mary's	21	114	_	5	I	_	-	-				-	4	_	
St. John's	61	227		10	II	-	-	-	-	-	-	I	7	_	
St. Michael's	31	143	F	5	9	I	I	-			-	-	9	2	$\dot{=}$
St. Paul's	54	156	_	5	15	15	-	_	-	_	_		10		
Luton	181	435	_	27	16	2	2	I	-	I	-	I	11	I	
Christ Church	48	108		5	10		I	I	-	-	_		5	_	
Totals	396	1183	-	57	62	18	4	2	_	I		2	46	3	

(d) Table Showing Number of Cases of Infectious Diseases, 1928-1951

Food Poisoning		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1		1	1	I	1	1	1	1	1	[1	!	3
Dysentery	1	1	1	1	1	1	İ	İ	1	1	1	İ	1	1	1	1	4	H	1	Ι	1	ĭ	20	46
Acute Encephalitis	2	2	н	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	ı	1	ı	1	1	н	1	1	2
Acute Poliomyelitis	н	1	1	н	1	1	1	1	l	4	1	1	1	1	н	1]	3	H	2	7	2	н	1
Cerebro Spinal Fever		5	7	1	9	7	1	1	Ι	1	1	н	7	'n	9	1	3	I	2	1	3	1	Ħ	1
Pneumonia	29	24	7	20	21	29	19	30	20	14	. 23	61	22	12	32	44	29	34	27	20	24	61	28	62
Ophthalmia murotano9N	7	14	4	н	4	7	61	1	4	3	7	н	4	4	5		3	H	1	1	н	1	1	I
siteleM		H	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1		1	
Erysipelas	12	13	21	II	II	10	17	17	21	28	61	10	14	4	7	17	18	91	91	II	15	∞	20	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	7	. 4	6	9	4	H		7	I	6	4	7	∞	6	91	12	18	23	4	7	6	∞	6	18
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever		9	2	. 2	91	2	I	7	1	1	4	1	1	12	1	1	н	н	1	H	i	1		1
Diphtheria	447	86	44	26	II	25	31	22	25	192	208	98	13	4	∞	91	12	6	2	7	1	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever	223	19	84	58	149	146	114	44	40	091	233	19	20	20	38	124	48	52	56	22	∞	35	85	57
Whooping Cough													12	120	219	16	182	III	52	179	171	189	137	396
Measles													79	413	417	412	201	446	568	189	723	34	567	1183
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Year	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951

Scarlet Fever

Cases notified	•••	•••	57
Removed to Hospital	•••		3
Households affected with 1 case	•••	•••	44
Households affected with 2 cases	•••		3
Households affected with 3 cases			ı
Households affected with 4 cases		•••	ı
Deaths			

Diphtheria

No cases have been reported during the past four years.

Immunisation against Diphtheria

Clinic Sessions:

Elm House	•••	•••	3rd & 5th Wednesdays	p.m.
White Road			ıst Wednesday p.m.	
King's Road	•••		4th Wednesday p.m.	

The yearly figures are as follows:—

U		
Year	Immunised	Boosting Doses
1932	56I	-
1933	405	
1934	359	_
1935	482	
1936	395	
1937	· 381	_
1938	129	
1939	8o	
1940	_	
1941	514	
1942	2399	
1943	825	-
1944	576	
1945	546	
1946	602	75
1947	426	348
1948	68o	163
1949	941	1251
1950	622	235
1951	769	1063
	. ,	

The following table shows the numbers and ages of children who attended the Clinic during 1951 for immunisation:—

1951 1950 1949 1948 1947 1946 1945 1944 1943 1942 1941 1940 1939 1938 1937 Total	25 32 TO 3 5 — I 43 63 58 769	184 160 46 11 17 4 2 136 219 259 1063
9 1948	20 21	25
1950 194	362 84	1
1951	42	
Year of Birth	Primary Inoculations	Reinforcing Inoculations

The undermentioned figures show the number of children under the age of 15 years on the 31st December, 1951, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e., at any time since 1st January, 1937).

otal	5998
37 T	89 5
61	~
1938	208
1939	329
1940	338
1941	322
1942	347
1943	556 651 371 347 322 338 329 208 189
1944	651
1945	556
1946	615
1947	623
1951 1950 1949 1948 1947 1946 1945 1944 1943 1942 1941 1940 1939 1938 1937 Total	42 389 476 542 623 615
6461	476
1950	389
1961	42
Year of Birth	

Vaccination against Small Pox

Age at 31.12.51	under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Total
Number Vaccinated	245	204	21	29	499
Number Re-vaccinated		9	23	64	96

Food Poisoning

Type of Outbreak	No. of Cases	Identified Agent	Foods No. of Suspected Deaths
Family Outbreaks	2	Not known	No evidence that the ——————————————————————————————————
Single Cases I	I	Salmonella Typhi-Murium	to any particular — food

Supply of Anti Toxin

Anti Toxin for use by medical practitioners is available at all hospitals.

Venereal Disease

The treatment centre for the Medway Area is situated at 36 New Road, Rochester. I am indebted to Dr. C. D. Routh, Director, for the following particulars:—

New Patient	!s—C	hatham			Male	Female	Total
		•••			4	7	II
Chancroid		• • •	•••				
Gonorrhoea		•••			8	2	10
Non-Venere	al	•••	•••	•••	42	17	59
					_		
					54	26	80

Total No. of new patients from all districts served ... 284
Total attendances of Chatham patients 1226
Total attendances of patients from all districts4217

DISCHARGES (all districts served)

Discharged Cured:						
Syphilis					 	29
Gonorrhoea					 •••	25
Non-venereal	•••	•••		•••	 • • •	191
DEFAULTED BEFOR	RE FI	NAL T	EST OF	Cure		
Syphilis					 	5

DEFAULTED BEFORE COMPLETION OF TREATMENT

Syphilis	 	•••	•••	•••		1
Gonorrhoea	 •••	•••			• • •	_

The following table shows the number of cases from Chatham since 1938:—

	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
Gonorrhoea	29	39	46	73	40	26	64	22	20	36	14	17	11	10
Syphilis	12	16	23	60	43	13	15	10	16	24	14	20	15	II
Chancroid	_	_				_		_			_	I	_	_
Non-Venereal	46	42	42	43	39	49	233	59	69	72	57	59	60	5 9

Notification of Tuberculosis

PULMONARY

Gonorrhoea

Total Notifications	•••					66
By Private Practition	ners	•••	•••	•••		9
	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	12
			•••	•••	•••	36
Transferred from oth	ner dis	stricts	•••	•••	•••	6
Reinstated Cases		• • •	• • •	•••	•••	3

Non-Pulmonary Total Notification

9
2
6
I

Delay in Notification

One person died of Tuberculosis who had not previously been notified as suffering from this disease.

l am indebted to Dr. S. Roy C. Price, Chest Physician, for the following information:—

Particulars of patients from the Chatham Area dealt with at the Chest Clinic, Rochester, during the year 1951.

)	Pulm	onary	7	No	n-Pu	lmon	ary		r	otals		
	Adı	ılts	Chil	dren	Adı	ılts	Chile	dren	Ad	ults	Chil	dren	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Def. T.B. Non T.B.	26 —	24 —	3		I	6		r	27 106	30 165	4 53	2 4 9	63 373
									133	195	57	51	436

Total Attendances—1863.

Institutions to which patients were sent during 1951:-

Orpington Hospital	2
Grove Park Hospital	8
Preston Hall	3
Lenham Sanatorium	4
Nayland Sanatorium	I
Princess Mary's, Margate	I
Willesborough Hospital	I
Grosvenor Sanatorium	3
Kettlewell Hospital	5
Eversfield Chest Hospital	3
Sheppey General Hospital	I
Royal Sea Bathing Hospital	I
Queen Mary's, Sidcup	3
Keycol Hill Hospital	I
St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester	3
Farnborough Hospital	I
Bevendean Hospital	2
Hurstpierpoint Hospital	I
All Saints' Hospital, Chatham	17
Bow Arrow Hospital	I
Fairlight Sanatorium	2
T (1	
Total	64

Table showing New Cases and Mortality during 1951:—

			New	Cases			Dea	ths	
		Pulm	onary	No Pulme		Pulme	onary		on- onary
		M.	F.	M.	F.	М.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year				_			_		
1-5 years		I	I	I			_		
6-15 years		4	1	_		_	_		
16-25 years		10	19	I	2	_	I	_	
26-35 years		5	7		2	I	2	_	—
36-45 years		5	3	2	/	<u> </u>	I	_	_
46-55 years	•••	2	I	I	-	5	2	_	_
56-65 years		5		-	_	5 3 3	I	_	_
66 years up	•••	2		_		3	I	_	_
Totals		34	32	5	4	12	8	_	_

Registered cases of Tuberculosis as at 31st December in each year from 31st December, 1940-31st December, 1951

Total	180	208	243	500	305	313	333	361	322	363	380	391
Non-Pulmonary	50	52	63	70	92	81	88	102	56	72	72	69
Pulmonary	130	156	081	199	229	232	245	259	266	291	308	322
Year	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951

Average number of Notifications, Deathsand rates in 5 yearly periods from 1935-1949, and Annual figures for 1950 and 1951

			Pulmonary				Non-Pulmonary	ıry			Totals	als	
Year	Population	Notifications	Notifi. rate	Deaths	Death rate	Notifications	Notifi. Rate	Deaths	Death rate	Nots.	Not. Rate	Deaths	Death Rate
1			Per 1,000 persons living		Per 1.000 persons living		per 1,000 persons living		per 1,000 persons living		Per 1,000 persons living		Per 1,000 persons tiving
1935—1939	44,732	45	1.00	. 28	.62	72	.27	3	20.	57	1.27	31	69.
1940—1944	35,752	63	1.76	33	.92	12	. 34	9	71.	75	2.10	39	1.09
1945-1949	39.932	71	1.78	32	.80	15	.38	4	01.	86	2.15	36	06.
1950	46,500	84	1.81	21	.45	16	-34	I	.02	100	2.15	22	.47
1951	51,550	99	1.28	20	.39	. 6	71.	0	o.	75	1.45	20	.39
					7								

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Rainfall during 1951.

I am indebted to Avon E. Crisp, Esq., M.A., M.Inst.C.E., for the following figures taken at the Luton Pumping Station:—

January	T	`otal	depth	in	inches	2.29
February		,,	,,	,,	,,	5.74
March		,,	,,	,,	,,	2.99
April		,,	,,	,,	,,	2.47
May		,,	,,	,,	,,	2.26
June		,,	,,	,,	,,	1.19
July		,,	,,	,,	,,	2.71
August		,,	,,	,,	,,	3.64
September		,,	,,	,,	,,	4.17
October		,,	,,	,,	,,	1.09
November		,,	,,	,,	,,	3.78
December		,,	,,	,,	,,	1.92
	Total		•••		•••	34.25

Water

Supply is by the Chatham and District Water Co. and has been satisfactory both in quality and quantity. 36 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination, each of which showed a good result. Chlorination is still carried out. A new covered reservoir was commenced in July 1951 at Woolman's Wood from which parts of Chatham will be served.

The following number of properties are supplied by public water mains :—

(a)	Direct to properties		•••	1	3,023
(b)	By means of stand-pi	pes	•••	•••	12
The	following number of pro	perties	are s	upplied	other
than	by public water main	s			38

Drainage and Sewerage

The number of houses connected to the public sewer during the year was:—

New Houses :					
Corporation I	Property			•	109
Private	•••	•••		•••	21
Existing Houses				• • •	67
Total	connected	duri	ng year	•••	197

An extension of 363 lin. yards was made at Longhill Avenue to the public foul sewers.

Public Cleansing

General public cleansing of street gullies, household and trade refuse is carried out by the Borough Engineer's Department and disposal is by controlled tipping.

House refuse is collected once per week except in the High Street, Military Road and Railway Street area where it is collected three times per week. Trade refuse is collected at the same time as the house refuse except where large quantities need special collection.

In accordance with the decision of the Council, all rubbish tipped must be covered the same night.

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1951

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Borough of Chatham

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Report for the year ending 31st December, 1951.

The work for the abolition of leaky cesspools still continues and a further 60 were put out of use during 1951. It is interesting to note that in 1929 the department received 7,761 applications to empty cesspools while the number has fallen to 110 for 1951. The majority emptied were those beyond the ends of the sewers or those emptied before connection to the Corporation foul sewers.

It is disappointing to find that more Council houses were fumigated for vermin in 1951, also that some of the post war houses are now infested with bugs. Although furniture is fumigated before being taken into the houses, there is no control over second hand furniture which the tenant may subsequently purchase, and this is where the danger lies.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

T. HOWARD,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

20th August, 1952.

SECTION E.

HOUSING

1.	inspection of Dwelling-Houses during the Year	
I.	(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	924
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	2415
2.	Number of dwelling houses (included under subhead (I) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	167
3.	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	20
4.	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all	
	respects reasonably fit for human habitation	385
2.	Remedy of Defects During the Year without Service of F Notices	'ormal
Nu	umber of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	206
3.	Action Under Statutory Powers During the Year	
(a)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing 1936:—	g Act,
	I. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil.
	2. Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—	
	(a) by owners	Nil.
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil.
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—	
` ,	I. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	165
	2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—	103
	(a) By owners	245
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil.

Proceedings under Sections II and I3 of the Housing Act, (c) 1936:---I. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made IO 2. Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 7 Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:— (d) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil. 2. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... Nil. New Houses During 1951 (a) The total number of dwelling houses on plans submitted during 1951 was 54. The total number of houses erected during 1951 (b) 163 (I) Houses erected by Local Authority 135 (2) Houses erected by other Persons 28 Re-Housing of Council House Applicants During the year, 18 removals were undertaken by this Department. In each case fumigation was carried out to the household effects. Requisitioning of Vacant Houses During the year, enquiries were made into 20 vacant houses, with a view to requisitioning. In all cases the houses were occupied. The main cause of delay was the time lag in transferring the deeds of houses to new purchasers, and redecoration. Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933 The number of licensed slaughtermen on the register at the 31st December, 1951, was 25. Rat Destruction

No. of rats caught in dwellinghouses	 170
No. of rats caught in business premises	 374
No. of rats caught at farms	 470
No. of rats caught on Corporation property	 232
	1246

Poison treatment, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries' instructions was carried out, and the number of rats destroyed was 700. Of this figure, 97 carcases were found and included in the total of 1,246.

The manholes of the foul sewers were test baited and treated in May and November. The number of manholes baited was 371 and the number of manholes showing takes was 62. The latter manholes were confined to three small areas.

Foods and Drugs Act, 1938.

During the year 106 samples of food and drugs were taken as per the following table:—

	No. of	Camples	Result of Analysis			
	No. 01	Samples	Adul	Adulterated		
	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal		
Sweets (Jellies) Sweets (Jellies) Malt Vinegar Cakeflour Mixture Baking Powder Semolina Milk of Magnesia Tablets Saccharine Tablets		1 1 1 1 1 1		1	I I I I I I I	
Sponge Mixture Coffee Aspirin Tablets Anadin Tablets Milk Ice Cream Yeast Vite Pepper Toothache Tincture	63	1 1 1 8 1 1		: 1	1 1 1 64 8 1	
Arrowroot	ī	I I I I	I	ı ı	1 1 1 1	
Cornflour Pork Sausages Beef Sausage Meat . Beef Sausage Meat . Beef Sausages Chest and Lung Mixture . Raspberry Vinegar Glycerine .	1 2 2	I I 2 I I I	2 I	1	I I 2 I I I	
Totals	69	37	4	3	99	

The sample of Arrowroot proved to be Cornflour. The vendor was sent a letter of warning.

The sample of scone was submitted to this Department as unedible and, on analysis, it was found that the fat was rancid. The attention of the manufacturer was drawn to this.

Regarding the four samples of sausage meat and sausages, in three cases prosecutions were carried out by the Enforcement Officers of the Ministry of Food, resulting in fines of £20 os. od. and 3 guineas costs in each case. In the fourth case, the formal sample, after an adulterated informal sample, proved to be genuine.

Samples for Bacteriological Analysis.—County Laboratory, Maidstone

The following samples were collected for analysis:—

WATER

36 water samples were found to be "Good Water."

MILK

283 samples of milk were taken with the following result :-

Class of Milk	Number of	Appropriate Tests	Number	of Tests
Class of Milk	Samples	Appropriate rests	Passed	Failed
Pasteurised	157	Phosphatase Methylene Blue	152 142	5 15
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	126	Phosphatase Methylene Blue	12I 12I	5 5

14 samples of raw milk were submitted for Biological Examination and of these, 6 samples proved to be Tubercule positive. The County Medical Officer was notified in each case.

Ice Cream

 ${\tt 3I}$ Ice Cream Samples were taken and the result was as follows:—

Manufactured in the Borough

Manufactured outside the
Borough... ...

	Total			
I	2	3	4	Total
13	2	I	_	16
9	4	I	I	15
22	6	2	I	31

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTIONS

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number inspected	494	11	_	2	947	1454
All Diseases except Tuber- culosis— Whole carcases condemned	_	_	_	_	14	14
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	121	I	_	r	87	210
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	24.5	9.1	_	50	10.6	15.4
Tuberculosis Only— Whole carcases condemned	_	ĭ	_	_	I	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	48	3			19	70
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	9.7	36.4	_	_	2.1	4.95

Unsound Food Voluntarily Surrendered, 1951

The total amount of meat and other foods condemned was II tons 16 cwts. Iqr. I lb.

	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Total weight of meat condemned	5	18	0	24
Total weight fish condemned	2	6	2	13
Total weight tinned and other foods				
condemned	3	II	Ι	20

Inspection of Meat and other Foods

The following table shows the number of carcases inspected

since 1942:-

2,	-51-							
		Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total	
1942		1322	479	520	8235	1153	11709	
1943		1165	546	1025	6641	466	9861	
1944		1341	1087	963	4956	1147	9494	
1945		1425	990	1251	3313	1626	8605	
1946		1920	1065	3326	5079	1429	12819	
1947		850	349	986	2709	684	5578	
1948		443	54	- 1	5	322	824	
1949		324	63	2	3	547	939	
1950		369	28		2	584	983	
1951	•••	494	II		2	947	1454	

There is one slaughterhouse in the Borough and it is used by the Ministry of Food. There is also one Knacker Yard.

Fish Offal

Fish Offal collected was 9 tons II cwts., and the amount received was £23 17s. 6d. (This amount includes a small collecting fee).

Bakehouses

There are 12 Bakehouses in the Borough.

Fish Fryers

There are 22 Fish Fryers on the register (I closed temporarily.)

Ice Cream

5 premises are registered for the manufacture of Ice Cream and 100 for the sale and storage of ice cream.

Disinfestation of Bedding, etc.

Bedding from Council House Applicants fumigated	15
Furniture from Council House Applicants disinfected	15
Council house rooms fumigated for vermin	68
Rooms of other houses fumigated for vermin	81
Bedding disinfected for vermin	20
Parcels of Bedding destroyed	18
Infectious diseases—bedding fumigated	95
Infectious diseases—rooms disinfected	54
Wasps Nests destroyed	7
Loads of Rubbish destroyed	40
Library Books fumigated	2
Parcels of bedding fumigated for private individuals	6

Contagious Diseases of Animals Act

One case of Swine Fever was reported and form "A" (Article
2 and 14) was served. The case was confirmed by the Ministry of
Agriculture and Fisheries.

Pigs on premises	•••		•••	242
Pigs died, buried or destro	oyed			73 -
Removed to Slaughterhou	ise on	licence		169

Three form "B" notices on adjoining owners were also served.

Cesspool Work

The number of old houses connected to the Corporation Sewer during the year 1951 was 67. This means that some 60 leaking cesspools have been abolished.

884 complaints of choked drains and cesspool overflows were received, and it was found possible to clear 760 drains from obstruction. Overflowing cesspools made up the remainder of the complaints. The number of cesspools emptied was 124.

Camping Sites

There are no Summer camping sites within the Borough but one licence was granted under section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, during the year. This licence was of a temporary nature.

Application for the renewal of this licence and two further new applications were refused.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

There are no Rag Flock Manufacturing premises within the Borough but three premises where filling materials are utilised are registered. These premises are satisfactory.

Notices Served

During the year the following Notices were served:—	
No. of Informal Notices	385
No. of Statutory Notices served on 1951 Informal Notices	156
No. of Statutory Notices served on 1950 Informal Notices	9
Total No. of Statutory Notices served during the year	165
Of these, the following were completed:—	
No. of Informal Notices completed without a Statutory	
Notice having been served	206
No. of Statutory Notices completed	*245
Total No. of Notices completed in year 1951	*451
* This figure includes notices completed during the year	, but
served prior to 1951.	

Visits Made by the Sanitary Inspectors During the Year

Houses (1st Visits)	•••			•••	757
Houses (Subsequent Visits)			•••		2,286
Housing Act (1st Visits)		•••		• • •	167
Housing Act (Subsequent Visits))	•••	•••	•••	129
Council House Applicants		•••	•••		91
Overcrowding	•••	•••	•••	• • •	23

Verminous Premises	•••	• • •	•••	•••	•••	177
Slaughterhouses	•••		•••		•••	453
Knacker Yard				•••		8
Unsound Food		•••	•••			382
Cold Store					•••	97
Food Shops			•••			537
Fish Fryers			•••			116
Bakehouses			•••			8o
Restaurants						145
Food and Drugs			•••	•••		151
Milk (Special Designa	tions)		•••	•••		411
Milk (T.B. Order)	·	•••	•••			2
Dairies						252
Ice Cream Vendors						85
Water Samples	•••			•••	•••	39
Infectious Diseases	•••		•••	•••	•••	234
Tuberculosis	•••		•••	•••	•••	60
Bedding and Disinfect				•••		70
Drainage and Subsequ			•••			1,816
Drainage Tests (New)					•••	210
Drainage Tests (Old)		•••		•••	•••	_
0 1	•••		•••	•••	•••	129
Cesspools Contagious Diseases o	f Animala	A ct	•••	•••	•••	155
			•••	•••	•••	19
Marine Stores	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	4
Factories (P)	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	143
Factories (NP)	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	- 9
Outworkers	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	62
Public Conveniences	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	45
Courts and Alleys	. •••	•••	•••	•••	•••	193
Stables	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	5
Piggeries	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	158
Rats Order		•••	•••	•••	•••	184
Refuse Heap and Acc	umulation	.s	•••	•••	•••	122
Gypsy Encampment	•••	•••		• • • •	•••	46
Vacant Premises	•••	•••	•••			20
Miscellaneous	•••					818
Atmospheric Pollution	ı	•••				28
Merchandise Marks A	ct					31
Rag Flock Act						12
		T . 1 .	T 7			TO 070
		Total	Visits		•••	10,970
		Total	Visits		•••	
Nuisances Ahated after	r service o					10,970
Nuisances Abated after	r service o					
Nuisances Abated after Accumulations of Refu		f Notic		•••		
		f Notic	е.			5 8
Accumulations of Ref	use remov	f Notic	е.			5 8
Accumulations of Refe W.C. pans renewed Inspection Pits repair	use remov	f Notic	е.			
Accumulations of Refe W.C. pans renewed Inspection Pits repaire Ceilings repaired	use remov	f Noticed	e		•••	5 8 13 88
Accumulations of Refe W.C. pans renewed Inspection Pits repaire Ceilings repaired Cesspool Covers repair	use remov	f Noticed	е.			5 8 13

Chimney pots replaced	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	8
Chimney stacks repaired	•••	•••	•••		•••	25
Choked drains cleared	•••	•••	•••	•••		14
Coppers repaired or provide	d				•••	II
Door locks or fasteners repa	ired		•••	•••		7
Doors or frames repaired		•••	•••	•••	•••	39
Doors provided	•••		•••	•••		2
Drains repaired	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	IO
Drains of old buildings relai	d			•••		9
Firegrates, stoves and kitch	eners r	enewed	l		•••	3
Firegrates, stoves and kitch	eners r	epaired	l	• • •		41
Floors repaired		•••	•••	•••	•••	56
Flushing cisterns repaired		•••	•••	•••	•••	43
Flushing cisterns provided	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	I
Flues repaired or provided	_	•••	•••	•••	•••	I
Gutters or downpipes cleared		•••	•••	•••	•••	II
Gutters or downpipes repair	ed or p	provide	d	•••	•••	130
Houses reconditioned	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	2
Inspection covers provided	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	4
Inspection pits provided	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	2
Interiors cleansed	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	4
Roofs repaired	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	340
Sashcords repaired or provide	led	•••	•••	•••	•••	71
Sinks repaired or renewed		•••	•••	•••	•••	I
Sink waste pipes repaired	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	22
Stair treads or steps repaired	i				•••	20
Walls repaired		•••	•••		•••	106
Damp walls repaired			•••	•••	•••	61
Weatherboarding or externa	l walls	repaire	ed	•••	•••	82
Windows reglazed	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	2
Window frames, sashes, sills	repair	ed	•••	•••		72
W.C. seats or risers repaired			•••	•••	•••	12
W.C. structures repaired or					•••	6
Supply pipes to W.C. cisterr	is re <mark>pa</mark> i	ired				18
Yard paving repaired	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	19
Yard Gulley or Grills provid	ed	•••	•••		•••	4
Vent Shaft provided						2
Vent Shaft repaired						I
Miscellaneous						36